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## MEDIA RELEASE

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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 29 – December 1, 2021:

### Circuit Court

**16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable William A. McKinnon, Rock Hill, SC**

### Family Court

**1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Michael H. Murphy, III, Summerville, SC**

**4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**Eugene P. Warr Jr., Lamar, SC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable C. Vance Stricklin Jr., Columbia, SC**

**5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4**

**The Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones, Irmo, SC**

**7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Usha J. Bridges, Gaffney, SC**

**9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable Daniel E. Martin Jr., Charleston, SC**

**9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Michèle Patrão Forsythe, Charleston, SC**

**10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

**The Honorable Karen F. Ballenger, Seneca, SC**

**11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

**The Honorable William Gregory Seigler, McCormick, SC**

**12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

**The Honorable Holly Huggins Wall, Johnsonville, SC**  
**The Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York, Florence, SC**

<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>The Honorable Katherine Hall Tiffany, Taylors, SC</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4</b>	<b>The Honorable Karen Sanchez Roper, Sunset, SC</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6</b>	<b>The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini, Greenville, SC</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Douglas L. Novak, Bluffton, SC</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2</b>	<b>The Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon, Myrtle Beach, SC</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3</b>	<b>Melissa M. Frazier, Little River, SC</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1</b>	<b>The Honorable Thomas H. White IV, Union, SC</b>

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified:

**Master-in-Equity**

<b>Allendale County</b>	<b>The Honorable Walter H. Sanders Jr., Barnwell, SC</b>
<b>Anderson and Oconee Counties</b>	<b>The Honorable Steven Coleman Kirven, Anderson, SC</b>
<b>Charleston County</b>	<b>The Honorable Mikell R. Scarborough, Charleston, SC</b>
<b>Clarendon County</b>	<b>The Honorable Joseph K. Coffey, Manning, SC</b>
<b>Dorchester County</b>	<b>The Honorable James E. Chellis, Summerville, SC</b>
<b>Horry County</b>	<b>Alan Clemmons, Myrtle Beach, SC</b> <b>Charles B. Jordan Jr., Myrtle Beach, SC</b> <b>Douglas M. Zayicek, Conway, SC</b>
<b>Sumter County</b>	<b>The Honorable Michael M. Jordan, Sumter, SC</b>

**As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.**

**The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.**

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